

## The Graded School Commencement.

The Washington Street School is an institution which is peculiarly dear to the people of Sumter, and in which they feel a pride that is not just. The annual commencement is the event of the year in educational circles, and the Opera House which is supposed to be twenty years ahead of the times, and several times too large for a city of the size of Sumter, is always too small to hold the crowd that is eager to be present. Last Thursday night every seat was filled in orchestra, balcony and gallery and standing room was at a premium.

This is the clearest and most convincing evidence of the place that this school holds in public esteem, and when it is said that much interest is well merited, the simple truth is stated in the simplest manner. The school has done a magnificent work in the two years since the graded school system was organized and each year the school has grown in numbers and in excellence. Today it is second to none in the State and under the efficient management it enjoys it is moving forward steadily to higher and better things.

The exercises last night were in keeping with the school and as an index of its character and of the systematic, thorough training the pupils have received in all its departments.

The exercises began promptly at 7:45 p. m. with a march by the Fourth Regiment Orchestra, during which the pupils of the first, second and third grades marched across the stage in front of the curtain and out of the Opera House. There was not sufficient room on the stage to seat all of the pupils of the school and it was thought best to let the younger children go home early.

A prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. Ayres and the program proper then followed.

Song by the school, (Orchestra accompaniment) O, Stern Old Land.

The Roll of Honor was then read:

The following is the Roll of Honor for the past quarter:

FIRST GRADE.

1st Division.—Herbert Bultman, Helen Beaumont, William Reynolds, Iva Weathers, Kathleen Bostick, Lucille McLeod, Douglas Edens.

Special Mention.—Hart Mason, Clemson Geddings, Bennie Inabinet, Gertrude Knight, Francis Moise, Nonie Commander, Ralph Moise, Gladys Atkinson, Trina Baumgardner, William Davis, DeSausure Hall.

Great Improvement.—Albert Carr, Herman Phelps.

2nd Division.—Marie DuPre, Mildred Hall, Lucille Baker, John Duffie, Gusie Hood, Eleanor Hugheson, Laura Richardson, Mabel Parrott, Joe Fromberg, Donald Hinson, Cleo Geddings.

Special Mention.—Robert McLeod, Nellie Wright, Julian Schwartz, Ernest Rbame, Sarah Richardson, Lucille Ryttenberg, Myrtle Boardfield, Laurence Folsom, Alva Green.

Great Improvement.—Willie Bradford.

SECOND GRADE.

Frankie Lesane, Paul Bowman, Emma Baker, Wendell Levi, Thompson Hornsby.

Special Mention.—Juanita Hoyt, Lala Hough, Minnie Hough, Ada Seymour, James Chandler, Walter Jones, James Bradford, Wm. Haynesworth.

Great Improvement.—Claremont Moise, Jessie Carter, Madge McDowell.

THIRD GRADE.

Jessie Brown, Eadie Murray, Mabel Welch, Louise Yeadon, Ray Ryttenberg.

Special Mention.—Frances Joye, Wyndham Manning, Francesa Teicher, Ollie Delgar, Maude Bradman.

LYDIA RICHARDSON, Alma Campbell.

Special Mention.—Bertha Bultman, Nellie Mellett.

FIFTH GRADE.

Louise Murray, Mary Lowry, Belle Brinkley.

Special Mention.—Bernard Manning, Robert Cooper, John Lee, Nannie Moore, Charles Richardson, Lillie Hodge, Charlie McGrath.

Marked Improvement.—Warren Burgess.

SIXTH GRADE.

Murr Hall, Edith Lampley, Katie Moise, Lottie Pigford, Mary Burgess, Walter Ryttenberg.

Special Mention.—Adele Vinson, Hattie Sanders.

Marked Improvement.—Lena Edens.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Johnnie Rowland, Evie Cunningham, Celeste Hugheson, Guignard Jones.

Special Mention.—Genie Hoyt, Carrie Bradford, (These two were kept from getting on the Roll of Honor by absence due to sickness).

Marked Improvement in Scholarship.—Mary Anna Jackson, Gracie Baudle, Etta Seymour, Julius Schwerin.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Elma Eppa, Isidore Teicher.

Special Mention.—Willie Manning.

NINTH GRADE.

Misses Alice Moise, Ruth McLaurin, Leona Jennings.

TENTH GRADE.

Special Mention.—David McCallum, Miss Armida Moise, Cecil Wilson.

The following is the yearly Roll of Honor:

FIRST GRADE.

1st Division.—Iva Weathers, Herbert Bultman.

2nd Division.—Marie DuPre, Lucille Baker, Joe Fromberg, Donald Hinson, Laura Richardson, Gusie Hood, Mabel Parrott, Mildred Hall.

SECOND GRADE.

Paul Bowman, Emma Baker, Wendell Levi.

THIRD GRADE.

Marguerite McLeod, Essie Murray, Louise Yeadon, Mabel Welch, Jessie Brown.

FOURTH GRADE.

Alma Campbell, Lydia Richardson, Edna Stack.

Excellent, but prevented by sickness from being on yearly roll: Bertha Bultman, Nellie Mellett.

FIFTH GRADE.

Mary Lowry, Louise Murray, Belle Brinkley.

Special Mention.—Bernard Manning, Robert Cooper, John Lee, Nannie Moore, Bartow Walsh, Chas. Richardson.

Marked Improvement.—Lillie Hogan.

SIXTH GRADE.

Edith Lampley, Murr Hall, Lottie Pigford and Mary Burgess.

## SEVENTH GRADE.

Genie Hoyt would have been on the yearly Roll of Honor, had she not been absent from sickness.

## EIGHTH GRADE.

Isidore Teicher.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the year:

1st Grade, 1st Division.—Albert Carr.

2nd Division.—Murr Hall, Raymond Stansill.

6th Grade.—Hattie Sanders, Vernon Stansill.

7th Grade.—Henry Moise.

8th Grade.—Berta Winburn.

10th Grade.—Miss Armida Moise.

Miss Armida Moise who won the second honor medal was the salutatorian of the class, and that duty she discharged gracefully.

Her essay was well written and the delivery was excellent, her enunciation being so clear and distinct that each word could be heard in the remotest part of the house.

Commissioner Marion Moise performed the pleasant duty of awarding the second honor medal to Miss Armida Moise.

Then came "Twilight Song" by a double quartette.

Mayor Stuckey awarded the first honor medals to Messrs. David McCallum and Cecil Wilson.

These young men tied for the first place in the class, and the School Board and Superintendent Edmunds decided that the only way out of the dilemma was to award each of them a medal. The tie was not alone on the past year's work, but for six years their standing in class has been exactly the same and it was impossible for their teachers to decide between them. Such a thing has never occurred in the school before and it is not likely to occur again.

The certificates were presented to the members of the graduating class by Mr. Neil O'Donnell, chairman of the School Board. The graduates were Misses Augusta Folsom, Bessie Gillette, Rosa Gillette, Armida Moise and Sophie Richardson and Messrs. Robert Graham, David McCallum and Cecil Wilson.

The exposition of the class motto—"Labor omnia vincit"—by Sup. t Edmunds was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening.

Dr. Edmunds has devoted himself to his profession with all of the earnestness and enthusiasm of an intensely earnest nature and the subject of his brief address appealed to him with a peculiar force, and his remarks came from a full heart and a mind that has been trained by experience. None knows better than he the value of patient and conscientious work and his precept and example fit together as the complement one of the other. The result has been seen in his success as a teacher and in the influence he wields over his pupils.

His speech was a gem in thought and diction and delivery, and the beauty of it all was intensified by the fact that every person in the large audience knew that he spoke only what he felt, that he has lived up to the high standard he has set for himself, and that his pupils have been influenced to realize that conscientious labor is the only sure road to success.

"The New Hall Columbia," a song by the school, concluded the first half of the programme. While the curtain was down the Orchestra played an overture.

Part II of the programme began with a song by the school—Lullaby, by Sullivan.

These followed the declamations for the gold medal offered annually by Mr. W. F. Edens. The declaimers were:

Cecil Wilson—"Battle of King's Mountain."

Robert Graham—"Miss Flora McFinnis."

David McCallum—"The Black Horse and His Rider."

When the committee consisting of Messrs. R. I. Manning, J. M. Knight and H. G. Osteen, retired to decide to whom the medal should be awarded a mixed double quartette sang the "Boatman's Good-night."

The "Class Criticism" was read by Miss Sophie Richardson, who amused and entertained the audience with a well written commentary on the characteristics, faults and foibles of her classmates.

The Declamers Medal was presented by Col. J. M. Knight, who, in announcing the committee's decision and delivering the medal to Cecil Wilson, the successful competitor, made a few happy and well timed remarks. He stated that the committee had difficulty in arriving at a decision, and, in fact, the decision was not unanimous and that all of the committee regretted that there were not three medals to award, for they would have liked to give each boy a medal, so well had each one acquitted himself.

The exercises were brought to a close with a song by the school—"A Miller's Wooing"—and a march by the orchestra.

Mr. D. L. Bambo, who had charge of the music and trained the children and directed the singing, deserves a separate and special mention for the work he has accomplished. The school is fortunate indeed in having in the faculty a man who is not only a teacher of ability in class room work but an accomplished musician, whose work for the school in this special branch, outside of his regular duty, has been of incalculable value. He has voluntarily undertaken a work that is many schools a special teacher is employed to do, and he has done it well.

Lincoln School Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Lincoln Graded School were held in the Opera House last Friday night from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. To say that the building was crowded is putting it mildly. One section of the orchestra floor was reserved for white people, of whom there were several hundred present.

The exercises were up to the usual high standard, and no one present failed to enjoy the really excellent programme from the first to the last.

The essays were all good, the composition and delivery being highly creditable to the pupils and reflected credit upon their teachers. The "Introductions," or in other words, character sketches of the several members of the graduating class, were well written, full of humor and kept the audience intensely amused during their delivery. The essays and valetories were on practical subjects, the subject matter showed thought and the composition was above the average. There was one marked feature in all the essays, they all showed that the gospel of self-help and self-respect so forcibly and so eloquently preached by Brookier Washington, Richard Carroll and the colored leaders of that stamp is bearing fruit, and the leaves they have so wisely prepared are beginning to leave the mass of colored people. The young people of their race are taking their words to heart and they are beginning to see things as Brookier Washington would have them see, to think, to feel and to act as he has in his own life and as he advised his race to act and live for their own good and uplifting in a moral and industrial sense.

The singing in which the school was assisted by a chorus of the best colored voices in Sumter was especially fine. There was no feature of the entertainment more generally enjoyed, and Prof. Whitaker is fortunate in being able to enlist the services of those who contributed so much to the success of the exercises and the pleasure of the audience.

Burton Levan whose magnificent bass voice has been heard with so much pleasure in previous commencements was at his best last night, and sang in the chorus and in one solo with fine effect. He is gifted with a voice of unusual compass, power and sweetness, and it is a rare treat to those who love music for music's sake to hear him sing.

The order was all that could be desired, and the closing exercises of the most successful year in the history of the school resulted the greatest credit on Principal Whitaker and his associates.

The programme was as follows:

Antem—Life is like a troubled sea.

Invocation—Rev. D. H. Bowen.

Chorus—Friendship, Love and Song.

Essay—A Plea for the Home—Sallie R. Fields.

Solo—The Turnkey—B. W. LeVan.

Awarding First Honor Medal—Annie E. Lawson—Mayor Stuckey.

Introduction—Our Girls—Madeline E. Bowen.

Essay—Little Things—Kate E. Brunson.

Chorus—The Band.

Introduction—Our Boys—C. Bertha Williams.

Awarding Second Honor Medal—James Singleton—Col. J. M. Knight.

Essay—What Can I Do?—Mary E. Tindal.

Quartette—The Auctioneer—(By request).

Awarding Diplomas—Supt. S. H. Edmunds.

Parting Song—Class.

Awarding Prizes—Punctuality—James Davis; Improvement in Writing—Naomi Wilson; Best Writing—Mary Tindal.

Essay—Is it Worth While?—Bessie E. George.

Awarding Prizes for Best Speaker and for Best Introduction—Best Introduction—Bertha Williams; Best Essay—Bessie George—Dr. J. S. Hugbison.

Honorable Mention—Sallie R. Fields—Maj. Marion Moise.

Valedictory—There is No Death—Annie E. Lawson.

Chorus—Hark! 'Tis the Midnight Bell.

The graduating class, which was the largest since the school was established, was as follows:

Madeline E. Bowen, Elijah Bradley, George Brunson, Katie E. Brunson, Mamie Cassel, James W. Davis, Lottie R. Dicks, Louella A. Dow, Bessie E. George, Eli Gregg, Sallie R. Fields, Charlotte Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, Annie P. Lawson, Whittier R. Parker, Emma L. Peterson, Maggie Pearson, Benjamin A. Richardson, James M. Singleton, Hattie E. Smith, Elmore T. Stewart, Mary E. Tindal, John E. Wilde, Silas J. Wilde, O. Bethea Williams, Naomi E. Wilson.

His Life was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cts and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store, every bottle guaranteed.

## CADET TEACHERS.

Columbia, June 7.—The following letter has been received by the State superintendent of education from the superintendent of the Citadel. These young men are required by law to teach in the public schools of South Carolina for two years, provided they can obtain situations. A large number of Citadel graduates have been given positions in the schools of the State and have proved themselves highly efficient in school work:

Hon J. J. McMahan, Superintendent of Education—Dear Sir: I have the honor to submit to you, as required by statute, the names of the following young men, beneficiary cadets in this academy, who will graduate on June 25:

D A Bradham, Clarendon county; R C Brice, Kerabaw county; B Calhoun, Marlboro county; W S Clayton, Bauberg county; L M Cochran, Abbeville county; J I Courtney, Edgefield county; C W DuRant, Sumter county; W H Evans, Darlington county; J H Haynesworth, Sumter county; A J Hydrick, Orangeburg county; J W Linley, Charleston county; J W Moore, Greenwood county; J P Quarles, Abbeville county; H T Rogers, Marion county; W H Sligh, Richland county; W W Smoak, Colleton county; S C Snelgrove, Saluda county; J R Westmoreland, Spartanburg county.

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